



Every Pastor Who Collects Tithes Is A Thief

[News](#) [Sports](#) [Africa](#) [World](#) [Opinions](#) [Politics](#) [Business](#) [Diaspora](#) [LifeStyle](#) [Entertainment](#) [Real Estate](#) [Classifieds](#) [Media](#) [Members](#)
[Blogs](#) [Columnists](#) [Featured Articles](#) [Opinions](#) [Editorial](#) [Polls & Surveys](#)


Instant transfer



Mobile Money



Cash pickup



Feature Article | 16 November 2015 23:05 CET

0 Comment

Rising Intolerance In Ghana

By Arthur Kobina Kennedy, Dr.

[Previous](#) | [Next](#)

Affordable Health Ins.

Have one of our knowledgeable specialists give you a call.



Today is the International Day for Tolerance. Tolerance, according to the UN, is both a moral duty and a legal requirement. That is as it should be.

Unfortunately, intolerance is rife around the world and this has been so since antiquity. It has led to genocide, war, political persecution and misery. Across time, the Armenian massacre, the Jewish holocaust, the Rwandan massacre and the slave trade stand as perhaps the most egregious examples of intolerance carried to extremes.

In Ghana, since the founding of our nation, intolerance has existed in many forms and still does.

It was intolerance that led to the Declaration of one-party state and preventive detention.

It was intolerance that led to the "culture of silence" under the Rawlings dictatorship.

In addition to its most blatant forms, it exists in more subtle forms.

Here are a some occurrences that may help our reflection on the intolerance in our midst.

Does it amount to marginalization and discrimination of Ghanaians from the North if Ghanaians decide that since John Mahama, a northerner, has failed as a President, other northerners do NOT deserve to be president? If indeed, Northerners can be held accountable for Mr. Mahama's failings as President, can others deny Ewes and Ashantis the presidency for the perceived failings of Rawlings and Kufuor?

When President Mahama urges Northerners to, in effect vote for him because he is one of them and President Mills told Central region audiences that President Kufuor was " a HABAN ADZE YI" who did not understand the problems of fisher-folk, were they fuelling intolerance?

When President Rawlings criticized Central region folks, was he stigmatizing them and thus fuelling intolerance against them?

Does the way the NPP handles the Afoko problem measure its tolerance? Was the party discriminating when it investigated rumours of his involvement with drugs when it has failed to investigate other for such rumours/claims before and since?

When NPP vigilantes attack other party members physically, call me "an enemy combatant" and a traitor while celebrating those who spew ethnic bigotry, is that intolerance?

Follow Us

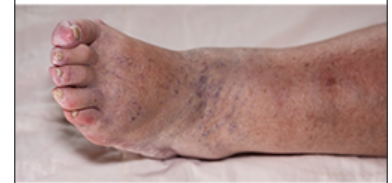


“ Dont wait for great ideas, let great ideas wait on you.

By: Kwesi-Gabriel Eshun


[More Quotes](#) | [Submit Quote](#)

4 Heart Attack warning signs



4 Signs

The Cardiac Killer

Recent

Popular

Comments



No Christmas Bonuses Due To Increase In Utility Prices - Analyst Predicts



Irate Ndc Youth Chaos: Police Hunt For Ring Leaders



Nobel Peace Prize Awarded To Tunisia's Guardians Of Democracy



Today's Front Pages



2015 50 Most Influential Young Ghanaians Revealed, Voting Begins



Angry Ndc Youth On Burning Spree In Tamale



125 Mps Risk Losing Seats For Absenteeism



Tuc Fights Reviewed Utility Tariffs

While the world celebrates this important day, in our own corner, we must light a candle for tolerance—except for the kind that tolerates intolerance!

When Martin Amidu suggests that others might not vote for other Northerners for President because Mahama has failed and Mahama urges the North not to vote for others because they are not Northerners and Mills urges Central Region folks not to vote for a "HABANADZE YI" ---they are all--despite being good men, profoundly wrong. It should be possible for Ghanaians in the future to elect Bawumia, Bagbin or Martin Amidu as president, despite the failings of President Mahama.

It should be possible for a region, contrary to President Mahama's pleas, to vote for a candidate who hails from another region, as CENTRAL REGION did in 2004.

When the party of Danquah and Busia desires to punish Afoko for the supposed sins of his brother when it did not—rightly—punish Ala Adjetey for his son's membership of NDC or punish J.B. Danquah for Aaron Ofori Atta's membership of the CPP, it is wrong.

When vigilantes in the NPP call me "enemy combatant" and a traitor, suspends Chairman Afoko for trivial reasons in violation of its own constitution and suspends members for dissenting, it is wrong. Why have those who attempted to lynch Tarzan, Bugri Naabu, Osafo Marfo and Kennedy Agyapong not attracted sanctions for their more serious transgressions if there is no discrimination in the party's disciplinary processes?

The party of Danquah and Busia must never DISHONOUR its proud history and tradition by introducing a new "CULTURE OF SILENCE".

Good men in good times must NEVER set bad examples for bad men in bad times.

On this day, I urge you to join the effort against intolerance in our society wherever you find it—in our parties – in our government—in our politics and in our churches.

We must pass and enforce good laws, educate the public and condemn intolerance—regardless of who is practicing it.

Let us, together, make our motto, "FREEDOM AND JUSTICE" real.

May God bless Ghana.
Arthur Kobina Kennedy

[More Feature Article »](#)

Comments:

This article has **0 comment**, [leave your comment](#).

More articles by author

- [03-12-2015](#) Nana Konadu Distorts Her Way Back Into Ndc
- [27-11-2015](#) The Npp Must Learn From History
- [19-11-2015](#) Competence In Politics
- [13-11-2015](#) Lying In The Npp
- [26-10-2015](#) Npp Suspends Chairman Afoko
- [More...](#)

Disclaimer: "The views expressed in this article are the sole responsibility of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of Modern Ghana. The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). Modern Ghana will not be responsible or liable for any inaccurate or incorrect statements contained in this article." © Arthur Kobina Kennedy, Dr..

Do you have an article for publication? Please email it to editor@modernghana.com.

◀ 41

◀ 1

| 0 Comment



'ghana Leaders Steal Money'



**New Mall To Create Over
1000 Jobs**

**Nana Konadu Distorts Her
Way Back Into NDC** **SATURDAY AT 5 PM**

**Konadu Deny H
Mensah Childre
Despite O...**

NEXT >

Feature Article



The Mess In Ghanaian Politics

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

The word as people perceive it is not really so in its practice. I had a lot of interest foll ...



Dear Anas: Is Ghana Worth Fighting For?

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

I have two brief pieces of news articles before me. One of them is captioned Idquo;l Almost ...



Religion And Our Society Today

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Idquo;For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil pract ...



President Mahama Is Only Managing But Not Fixing The “dumsor” As Promised

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Fellow Ghanaians, although we are presumed by President Mahama to have a short memory, I shall ad ...



The Nigerian Senate & Our Freedom

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

The Nigerian Senate amp; Our Freedom By Michael Egbejumi-David On 1st Oc ...

▼ show more stories ▼

From The World

Sponsored Links by Taboola

How Obama Eliminates Fee For Homeowners Who Switch To A 15yr Fixed
LowerMyBills

Pay Off Your Credit Card Balance Faster Using This One Trick
LendingTree

Easily the quickest way to pay off credit card debt

19 Most Incredible Things Found Under The Sea

Your Daily Dish

Home	NEWS	SPORTS	POLITICS	DIASPORA	REAL ESTATE	ENTERTAINMENT
About us	Ghana Votes 2012	Sports Archive	News Archive	News Archive	Homes For Sale	News
Contact Us	News Archive	Sport News	Elections 2012	USA	Uncompleted Houses	Nollywood
Feedback	Politics	Premier League	Elections 2008	Canada	Bargain Houses	Watch Movies
Ghana	Sport News	CAN 2013	CPP News	Germany	Luxury Houses	Audio Releases
Radio	Entertainment	CAN 2012	NPP News	Switzerland	House For Rent	Music Albums
Mobile		CAN 2010	NDC News	Holland	Unserviced Plots	Video Clips
Advertise		CAN 2008	PNC News	Italy	Serviced Plots	
RSS Feeds		Worldcup 2010	PPP News	France		
Site Map	AFRICA	OPINIONS	BUSINESS	LIFESTYLE	CLASSIFIEDS	MEMBERS
E-mail Alerts	News Archive	News Archive	News Archive	News Archive	Announcements	All Profiles
Widgets	Inside Africa	Columnists	Trading Results	Health	Business	Female Profiles
Partners Links	Togo	Featured Articles	Real Estate	Beauty/Fashion	Services	Male Profiles
Terms of use	Nigeria	Opinions	Classifieds	Family/Parenting	Jobs/Employment	Hot Or Not
Privacy	Kenya	Editorial	Business Directory	Health/Fitness	Computers/Software	
	Ivory Coast	Letters	Website Directory	Home/Food	Car/Trucks	
	South Africa	Critics	Book Directory	Poetry	Friendships/Penpals	
	Nollywood	Commentaries	Currency Converter	Relationships	Datings/Relationship	
		Have Your Say		Social Issues		
		Polls & Surveys		Women Issues		

All trademarks and copyrights on this page are owned by their respective owners. 2005-2015, © Copyright ModernGhana.com

Other sites of MG Media Group [Modern Ghana](#), [The Nigerian Voice](#), [Nigeria Films](#)